



General Assembly

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***AN ACT CONCERNING A CONVICTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION
AS A DISQUALIFIER FOR A CARRY PERMIT OR FIREARMS
ELIGIBILITY OR AMMUNITION CERTIFICATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (b) Upon the application of any person having a bona fide permanent
5 residence within the jurisdiction of any such authority, such chief of
6 police or, where there is no chief of police, such chief executive officer,
7 as defined in section 7-193, or, if designated by such chief executive
8 officer, a resident state trooper or state police officer, as applicable, may
9 issue a temporary state permit to such person to carry a pistol or
10 revolver within the state, provided such authority shall find that such
11 applicant intends to make no use of any pistol or revolver which such
12 applicant may be permitted to carry under such permit other than a
13 lawful use and that such person is a suitable person to receive such
14 permit. Such applicant shall submit to a state and national criminal
15 history records check in accordance with section 29-17a. If the applicant
16 has a bona fide permanent residence within the jurisdiction of any
17 federally recognized Native American tribe within the borders of the
18 state, and such tribe has a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-

19 294a, the chief of police of such law enforcement unit may issue a
20 temporary state permit to such person pursuant to the provisions of this
21 subsection, and any chief of police of any other law enforcement unit
22 having jurisdiction over an area containing such person's bona fide
23 permanent residence shall not issue such temporary state permit if such
24 tribal law enforcement unit accepts applications for temporary state
25 permits. Such applicant shall submit to a state and national criminal
26 history records check in accordance with section 29-17a. No state or
27 temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued under
28 this subsection if the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to
29 July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by
30 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
31 safety and use of pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a
32 safety or training course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to
33 the public offered by a law enforcement agency, a private or public
34 educational institution or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors
35 certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy
36 and Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use
37 of pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state
38 or the National Rifle Association, and (B) for any application filed on or
39 after July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete, not earlier than
40 two years prior to the submission of such application, a course approved
41 by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in
42 the safety and use of firearms, which courses may include those certified
43 by the National Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by
44 an instructor certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state,
45 provided any such course includes instruction in state law requirements
46 pertaining to safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of
47 firearms and lawful carrying of firearms in public. Any person wishing
48 to provide such course, may apply in the form and manner prescribed
49 by the commissioner. The commissioner shall approve or deny any
50 application for provision of such a course not later than July 1, 2024, in
51 the case of an application submitted before October 1, 2023; (2) has been
52 convicted of (A) a felony, or (B) (i) a misdemeanor violation of section
53 21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015, [or (C)] (ii) a misdemeanor violation

54 of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-
 55 176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the preceding twenty years, [or] (iii) a
 56 misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated
 57 as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h, or (iv) a
 58 misdemeanor violation in another state, a federal, tribal or military court
 59 or any foreign jurisdiction during the preceding seven years for (I) any
 60 crime of violence against another person causing physical injury, (II)
 61 any crime that with extreme indifference to human life creates a risk of
 62 serious physical injury or with criminal negligence causes the death of
 63 another person other than by a motor vehicle, (III) any crime that by
 64 physical threat or course of conduct causes another person to reasonably
 65 fear for such person's safety, (IV) any crime involving engaging in or
 66 inciting a riot, or (V) possession of a controlled substance or
 67 hallucinogenic substance, each as defined in section 21a-240, other than
 68 less than four ounces of cannabis, less than one-half ounce of psilocybin
 69 or nicotine; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of
 70 a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; (4) has been
 71 discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after
 72 having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or
 73 defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) (A) has been confined in a hospital
 74 for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495,
 75 within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court, or (B) has
 76 been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, or has been
 77 committed under an emergency certificate pursuant to section 17a-502
 78 on or after October 1, 2023, to a hospital for persons with psychiatric
 79 disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six
 80 months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely
 81 for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person, as
 82 those terms are defined in section 17a-680; (6) is subject to a restraining
 83 or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use,
 84 attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another
 85 person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or
 86 46b-16a; (7) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1,
 87 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing, or a risk
 88 protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after

89 June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; (8) is prohibited from shipping,
90 transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC
91 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); (9) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the
92 United States; or (10) is less than twenty-one years of age. Nothing in
93 this section shall require any person who holds a valid permit to carry a
94 pistol or revolver on July 1, 2024, to participate in any additional
95 training in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers. No person may
96 apply for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver more
97 than once within any twelve-month period, and no temporary state
98 permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued to any person who
99 has applied for such permit more than once within the preceding twelve
100 months. Any person who applies for a temporary state permit to carry
101 a pistol or revolver shall indicate in writing on the application, under
102 penalty of false statement in such manner as the issuing authority
103 prescribes, that such person has not applied for a temporary state permit
104 to carry a pistol or revolver within the past twelve months. Upon
105 issuance of a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver to the
106 applicant, the local authority, or the chief of police of a law enforcement
107 unit of any federally recognized Native American tribe within the
108 borders of the state as referenced in this subsection, shall forward the
109 original application to the commissioner. Not later than sixty days after
110 receiving a temporary state permit, an applicant shall appear at a
111 location designated by the commissioner to receive the state permit. The
112 commissioner may then issue, to any holder of any temporary state
113 permit, a state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the state. Upon
114 issuance of the state permit, the commissioner shall make available to
115 the permit holder a copy of the law regarding the permit holder's
116 responsibility to report the loss or theft of a firearm and the penalties
117 associated with the failure to comply with such law. Upon issuance of
118 the state permit, the commissioner shall forward a record of such permit
119 to the local authority, or the chief of police of a law enforcement unit of
120 any federally recognized Native American tribe within the borders of
121 the state as referenced in this subsection, issuing the temporary state
122 permit. The commissioner shall retain records of all applications,
123 whether approved or denied. The copy of the state permit delivered to

124 the permittee shall be laminated and shall contain a full-face photograph
125 of such permittee. A person holding a state permit issued pursuant to
126 this subsection shall notify the issuing authority within two business
127 days of any change of such person's address. The notification shall
128 include the old address and the new address of such person.

129 Sec. 2. Section 29-36f of the general statutes is repealed and the
130 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

131 (a) Any person who is twenty-one years of age or older may apply to
132 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for an
133 eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver.

134 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
135 shall issue an eligibility certificate unless said commissioner finds that
136 the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to July 1, 2024, has
137 failed to successfully complete a course approved by the Commissioner
138 of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of
139 pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a safety or training
140 course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to the public offered
141 by a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution
142 or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the
143 National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and
144 Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use of
145 pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state or
146 the National Rifle Association, or (B) for any application filed on or after
147 July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete, not earlier than two
148 years prior to the submission of such application, a course approved by
149 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
150 safety and use of firearms, which courses may include those certified by
151 the National Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by an
152 instructor certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state,
153 provided any such course includes instruction in state law requirements
154 pertaining to safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of
155 firearms and lawful carrying of firearms in public; (2) has been
156 convicted of (A) a felony, or (B) (i) a misdemeanor violation of section

21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015, [(C)] (ii) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the preceding twenty years, [or (D)] (iii) a misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h, or (iv) a misdemeanor violation in another state, a federal, tribal or military court or any foreign jurisdiction during the preceding seven years for (I) any crime of violence against another person causing physical injury, (II) any crime that with extreme indifference to human life creates a risk of serious physical injury or with criminal negligence causes the death of another person other than by a motor vehicle, (III) any crime that by physical threat or course of conduct causes another person to reasonably fear for such person's safety, (IV) any crime involving engaging in or inciting a riot, or (V) possession of a controlled substance or hallucinogenic substance, each as defined in section 21a-240, other than less than four ounces of cannabis, less than one-half ounce of psilocybin or nicotine; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) (A) has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court; or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, or has been committed under an emergency certificate pursuant to section 17a-502 on or after October 1, 2023, to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680; (6) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or section 46b-16a; (7) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing, or a risk

192 protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after
193 June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; (8) is prohibited from shipping,
194 transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC
195 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); or (9) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the
196 United States.

197 Sec. 3. Section 29-37p of the general statutes is repealed and the
198 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

199 (a) Any person who is eighteen years of age or older may apply to the
200 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a long
201 gun eligibility certificate.

202 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
203 shall issue a long gun eligibility certificate unless said commissioner
204 finds that the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to July 1,
205 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by the
206 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
207 safety and use of firearms including, but not limited to, a safety or
208 training course in the use of firearms available to the public offered by
209 a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution or
210 a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the National
211 Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and Environmental
212 Protection and a safety or training course in the use of firearms
213 conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the National Rifle
214 Association, or (B) for any application filed on or after July 1, 2024, has
215 failed to successfully complete, not earlier than two years prior to the
216 submission of such application, a course approved by the Commissioner
217 of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of
218 firearms, which courses may include those certified by the National
219 Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by an instructor
220 certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state, provided any
221 such course includes instruction in state law requirements pertaining to
222 safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of firearms and
223 lawful carrying of firearms in public; (2) has been convicted of (A) a
224 felony, or (B) (i) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 on or after

225 October 1, 2015, [(C)] (ii) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-
226 61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d
227 during the preceding twenty years, [or (D)] (iii) a misdemeanor
228 violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family
229 violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h, or (iv) a misdemeanor
230 violation in another state, a federal, tribal or military court or any
231 foreign jurisdiction during the preceding seven years for (I) any crime
232 of violence against another person causing physical injury, (II) any
233 crime that with extreme indifference to human life creates a risk of
234 serious physical injury or with criminal negligence causes the death of
235 another person other than by a motor vehicle, (III) any crime that by
236 physical threat or course of conduct causes another person to reasonably
237 fear for such person's safety, (IV) any crime involving engaging in or
238 inciting a riot, or (V) possession of a controlled substance or
239 hallucinogenic substance, each as defined in section 21a-240, other than
240 less than four ounces of cannabis, less than one-half ounce of psilocybin
241 or nicotine; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of
242 a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; (4) has been
243 discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after
244 having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or
245 defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) has been confined in a hospital for
246 persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495,
247 within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court; (6) has
248 been voluntarily admitted or, on or after October 1, 2023, has been
249 committed under an emergency certificate pursuant to section 17a-502
250 to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in
251 section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment
252 of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent
253 person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section
254 17a-680; (7) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a
255 court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of
256 physical force against another person, including an ex parte order
257 issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or 46b-16a; (8) is subject to a firearms
258 seizure order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c
259 after notice and hearing, or a risk protection order or risk protection

260 investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section
261 29-38c; (9) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or
262 receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); or (10)
263 is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	29-28(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	29-36f
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	29-37p

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*